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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Aim4Peace Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program in fiscal year 2022.

The project sponsor for this project is Kansas City Missouri Health Department, located at 2400 Troost Ave., Kansas City MO 64130

The funding is designated for the Aim4Peace Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program. Since 2008, the Aim4Peace Program has partnered with Truman Medical Center to serve victims of violence and their families. The program's service within Research Hospital began in 2018. Aim4Peace Hospital Responders reduce violence-related injury re-admissions by providing antiviolence coaching and counseling to recovering victims of violent assault. Hospital Responders work to resolve conflicts immediately after a violent injury occurs, during the moments when grieving family members are often planning to retaliate with further violence. Due to declines in local and federal funding opportunities, the City of KCMO is in danger of losing the Aim4Peace Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program during a time when violent injuries are increasing. This funding will help ensure the program continues to serve residents of Kansas City and prevent future violence.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer money. In 2020, 176 individuals were killed, with hundreds of individuals suffering from nonfatal, yet devastating injuries. In 2021, the City of KCMO is on pace to exceed 2020's rate of violence. The Aim4Peace Hospital responders intervene during sensitive, difficult, and dangerous crises in which few individuals or groups have the capacity to do so. This funding will allow the program to build capacity in order to reach 95% of violent trauma survivors at the two hospitals within one hour of an incident report. Funding will also allow the program to broaden their assessment and survivor support services so that survivors receive help – housing, substance abuse, or mental health services - from partnering agencies as needed.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Emanuel Cleaver, II  
Member of Congress